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Victoria Henneberry, left, and Blake Leggette, the pair accused of first-degree murder in the death of Loretta Saunders, arrive at Halifax provincial court last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Saunders murder trial to begin

COURTS

Parents, sister of victim are both expected

More than a year after Loretta Saunders' body was discovered off a New Brunswick highway, two people accused of first-degree murder in her death will stand trial.

Blake Leggette and Victoria Henneberry will be in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax starting Monday for a four-week jury trial concerning the death of Saunders, a 26-year-old Inuk woman from Labrador who was found dead after a two-week search in February 2014.

"It's pretty horrific and it's going to be a really traumatic event for the family and the

community and Nova Scotia," Cheryl Maloney, president of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association.

Maloney, who helped Saunders' family in their search last year, said she will not be in the courtroom as the details are too difficult to handle.

Saunders' parents are expected to be in Halifax for the trial, Maloney said. She added that more support is needed

for families of murder victims to help them cope throughout court proceedings.

Saunders' sister Loretta, who helped lead the search, posted on social media that she was also coming to Halifax.

"We have witnessed this with the family and we're going to witness it again ... and now it's going to be harder and harder to forget," Maloney said.

Saunders was last seen on

Feb. 13, 2014, around the Cowie Hill Road apartment she was subletting to Leggette and Henneberry.

Her body was found in a wooded area off the Trans-Canada Highway near Salisbury, N.B., two weeks later, after Leggette and Henneberry had been arrested in Ontario and charged with stealing Saunders' car.

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Community steps up to help heartbroken mom

AMANDA BAGLEY

Auction raises money for mother who lost son in fire

A mother from Nova Scotia who lost her son in a house fire three weeks ago is "in pretty bad shape," a family friend said Sunday.

Gloria Chafe plans to send the Bagley family pictures of some of the 150 items auctioned off at a fundraiser at Freeman's Little New York on Dutch Village Road in Fairview.

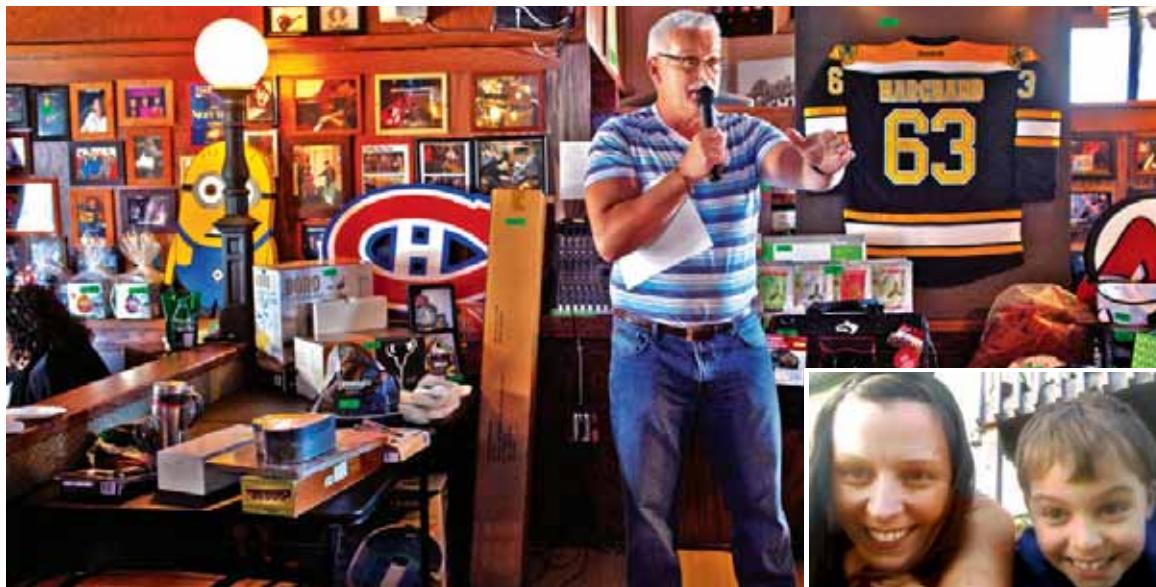
"I almost cried when I came in," she said of the event held for Amanda Bagley, who lost her nine-year-old son Oaklee in a house fire in Port Hawkesbury in early April. "It just blows me away that this is happening."

"(Amanda) is a hurting human right now."

The items — including an electric guitar, a full automobile detail and even an autographed Brad Marchand Boston Bruins jersey — have a combined value of \$10,332. All proceeds are going to Bagley.

Chafe said Bagley got out of the hospital Saturday and is back in Cape Breton organizing a funeral for Oaklee, which will be held on Friday.

"It would be heartbreaking for anybody," said Lisa Sullivan,



Auctioneer Bill Davidson stands surrounded by more than \$10,000 worth of donated items at a charity auction at Freeman's in Fairview on Sunday. Inset: Amanda Bagley with her nine-year-old son Oaklee. JEFF HARPER/METRO, INSET: FACEBOOK

\$9,000

The Sunday fundraiser for Amanda Bagley raised \$9,000.

the operations manager at the Freeman's location in Fairview.

Sullivan has been hearing updates from Laurel Harrington, the manager at Freeman's on Quinpool Road, who had been visiting Bagley in hospital where she had been in critical condition.

"It's just overwhelming — all the community involvement. Everybody has just come to the table and really helped out

here," Sullivan said.

Bagley worked at the Freeman's on Quinpool for many years before moving to Cape

Breton to dedicate her time to her son.

"You never saw her without him," said Chafe. "People are writing all that, but even my daughter lived right around the corner and she said they were never apart."

"I don't know if there are any Cape Bretoners here, but it's pretty emotional to know this many people came out," she said of the fundraiser.

The small size of Port Hawkesbury doesn't help Bagley forget the night of the fatal fire, Chafe added.

"She can't help but see the house," she said.

Upon initial investigation, the fire marshal's office called the incident an "accidental fire" that started in the family's kitchen. The fire is still under investigation.

JULIA MANOUKIAN/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Man due in court Monday over weekend stabbing

A man will appear in court on Monday to face charges connected to a weekend stabbing in Halifax.

Halifax Regional Police responded to the call on Seascapes Lane at around 3 a.m. Saturday regarding an altercation between two men.

The 57-year-old suspect fled the scene but was later arrested and is now facing charges of aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

The victim, a 46-year-old man, was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police say the men know one another.

METRO

Teens facing mischief, firearms charges

Three Halifax teens face mischief and firearm charges after police responded to multiple calls of individuals waving what appeared to be a handgun outside of a car window.

The incident was first reported Saturday around 2:15 p.m. near Exhibition Park. Police say they received several calls regarding the incident.

Police located the vehicle near Peggy's Cove and found two cap guns near the vehicle. The three male suspects — two 16-year-olds, one 17 — will face charges of mischief and careless use of a firearm or imitation. METRO

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'It's an issue of fairness, It's an issue of balance'

EDUCATION

Tuition change won't affect most students, minister says

Ariel Weiner came to Nova Scotia for the first-year philosophy program at the University of King's College, and also because she wanted to live somewhere other than her home province of Ontario.

But the fourth-year classics and religious-studies student said she might not make the same decision today after recent changes to the province's tuition policies.

"I would definitely reconsider having come out to Nova Scotia," said Weiner, who moved to Halifax from Toronto in 2011. "I just feel sorry for people that are entering their undergrad or are still in high school now."

Released last week as part of the province's budget, the policies include a one-time tuition increase at the universities' discretion and the deregulation of tuition for out-of-province and graduate students.

Alex Usher, president of Higher Education Strategy Associates, a consultancy firm in Ontario, is watching the changes with interest.

"It's always a brave decision for a government — and not necessarily a positive thing — to go to deregulation," he said. "It really does mean that they're not in control of the agenda. People will blame them for the outcomes, but they have no say in the outcome."

One-third of students come



Students at the University of King's College campus on Sunday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Students are savvy shoppers. Universities have to be careful not to price themselves out.

Kelly Regan, Nova Scotia minister of advanced education

from outside the province, the highest rate in Canada, says the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. Another 16 per cent are international students.

Allister Surette, chairman of the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents, said schools understand the importance of

out-of-province students. "No one is more concerned about that piece than universities," he said.

The government said the new policies are meant to narrow the tuition gap between different universities in the province, which has been widening since some were stuck

charging a lower rate when a three per cent cap was put in place 10 years ago.

"It's an issue of fairness, it's an issue of balance," said Kelly Regan, Nova Scotia's minister of advanced education, who anticipates most students won't be affected by the adjustment, and said those who are will only experience tuition increases of around \$500.

Usher thinks the raise could even benefit students, based on the increased enrolment in universities experienced in British Columbia after the deregulation of their fees in 2002.

"The institutions are going

to be adding value to some of the programs," he said. "That's a good thing."

Surette, who is also the rector of Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point, said another reason for the change in tuition policy is to allow Nova Scotia schools to keep up with today's national and global market.

"It allows us some flexibility," he said. "We're all working in a highly competitive market now."

Regan said the market is what will keep universities from raising their tuition fees too high.

While Usher agrees the market will keep prices down to a certain extent, he said the one-time increase might be bigger than the government bargained for.

"By making it a one-year process, in some ways they're encouraging institutions to go high quickly. I don't think they mean to do that," he said.

Usher suspects universities might raise tuition fees higher than they would otherwise, knowing they can lower them later if need be.

"It's not like gas stations," Usher said. "In institutions, you only get the chance to change prices once."

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HEALTH CARE

'Black debris' delays surgeries

Most surgeries at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre have been cancelled for Monday after "black debris" was found in sets used for surgery, according to a hospital director.

On April 10, the hospital detected "very fine, black debris" in some sterile tray sets, and began investigating the cause, QEII senior director Karen Mumford said on Sunday.

"Everything is indicating it's not a human issue, but more of an issue with our sterilizers ... but we do not know at this time for sure," Mumford said.

Any surgeries or minor procedures that need equipment that is sterilized would be affected, Mumford said, but "not 100 per cent" of the equipment trays have been affected.

Of the 95 surgeries scheduled for Monday, Mumford said, 80 elective ones have been delayed and the patients contacted.

Mumford said the QEII will be handling only "emergent and urgent care" on Monday, and have reached out to the Nova Scotia Health Authority and Victoria General for help in bringing in some sterilized sets for emergency care.

Mumford said that the hospital knows of no patients who may have come into contact with the affected sets.

The hospital is assessing its sterilization capacity once or twice a day, Mumford said, and will make a decision on Monday whether more surgeries will have to be delayed until Tuesday.

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Saunders trial, film screening coincide

ABORIGINAL WOMEN

'It is an important symbolic date,' filmmaker says

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro Halifax

On Monday, the trial for the pair accused of killing Loretta Saunders will begin in Halifax. But amidst all the negativity, documentary filmmaker Matt Smiley and Loretta's sister, Delilah Terriak, wanted to do something positive.

"It is an important symbolic date," said Smiley. "Canadians need to focus on it and find out why we haven't taken a lot of these cases seriously so that we can start bridging a gap between the indigenous population and the rest of Canadians."

Smiley made a film, Highway of Tears, which explores the 724-kilometre stretch of Highway 16 in northern British Columbia where 18 women, most aboriginal, were found murdered, as well as the deeper social issues surrounding the situation.

Smiley, who has been travelling across Canada for the past month presenting more than 40 screenings, said he was particularly moved when



Delilah Terriak, sister of Loretta Saunders, comforts her brother James Saunders at a news conference in Halifax in February 2014. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Delilah Terriak reached out to him and invited him to screen the film in Halifax.

"It is extremely touching because I didn't really realize the social impact the movie would have," said Smiley.

"One of the things that really struck me is how Delilah shifted a negative into pushing and furthering her sister's cause."

After the screenings, Smiley will be hosting a Q&A. He says that these are often the most important parts of the screen-

SCREENING

Highway of Tears will screen Monday at 6 p.m. at the Spatz Theatre, and at 7 p.m. at the Bus Stop Theatre. All proceeds will go toward the Loretta Saunders Scholarship.

ings, and expects that will hold true in Halifax.

"People can show their support for Delilah and her

family and what the Loretta scholarship is doing, bringing the community together and showing her family we are supporting them and taking the issue seriously," said Smiley.

Blake Leggette and Victoria Henneberry are both charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Saunders, who was found dead in a wooded area off a highway in New Brunswick in February of 2014 — two weeks after she disappeared from her Halifax apartment.

COURT

Four British soldiers accused of sex assault

Four members of the British military are due back in a Dartmouth courtroom on Monday after being charged last week with sexual assault causing bodily harm at the Canadian Forces base in Shearwater.

Crown attorney Scott Morrison said Friday outside court that the men are alleged to have participated in a "group sexual assault" in a barracks at CFB Shearwater on April 10.

The men were arrested Thursday morning and were in Nova Scotia participating in a hockey tournament with local Armed Forces personnel, he said.

A court document shows all four men who have been charged with sexually assaulting a woman are from the United Kingdom.

It lists them as Craig Stoner, 24, of Stonehouse, Darren Smalley, 35, of Gosport, Joshua Finbow, 23, of Broughton Stockbridge, and Simon Radford, 31, of Lower Gosport.

Morrison said all of the men are British citizens.

A duty counsel lawyer is negotiating with the Crown on bail terms and the men are scheduled to return to court on Monday to continue those negotiations, Morrison said.

The Crown has to determine whether they can be released and whether that would include allowing them to return to the U.K., he added.

The men were being held on the weekend at the Cen-

We will continue to work hard to bring this matter to a court.
Maj. Yves Desbiens

tral Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside.

Morrison declined to release any details about the complainant in the case.

Asked about jurisdiction in the case, Morrison said the Crown has jurisdiction over all Criminal Code offences in the province.

"There may be a mechanism where the British military could take jurisdiction over this, but my understanding is that the province of Nova Scotia has jurisdiction," he said.

Maj. Yves Desbiens, a spokesman for the Canadian Forces Military Police Group, said the allegations are serious and the complainant is a civilian.

"This is more than undesired touching," he said. "This is taken very seriously. ... We will continue to work hard to bring this matter to a court."

The commanding officer of the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service said British authorities have co-operated with its investigation.

"This is a disturbing accusation of sexual assault," Lt.-Col. Francis Bolduc said in a statement.

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FATALITY

Man found dead in car identified

Police have identified 57-year-old Ernest Daniel MacRae of Port Hawkesbury as the driver of a vehicle that went off the road and into the Lower River on Friday evening.

On Saturday, RCMP divers recovered MacRae's body from the submerged van.

"(The vehicle) was a Mazda MPV and it had been near the hole where it went through (the ice)," said RCMP Const. Eric Latwaitis.

When the vehicle was removed from the water, MacRae was found in the driver's seat, still wearing his seat belt.

"The investigation right now shows that there's no indication that there was anyone else in the vehicle when it went in."

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CRIME

2 assaulted in home invasion

Halifax Regional Police say two people were assaulted in a violent break-and-enter over the weekend on Quinpool Road that involved three masked men — one of whom was armed with a long gun.

Police say the men entered the home around 4 a.m. Saturday and demanded cellphones, money and an Xbox from five people inside.

Two of the victims were assaulted by the man who had the gun, a police release states. No one was seriously hurt.

Police say all three robbers were young and wore masks and hooded sweatshirts to cover their faces.

METRO



Haligonians join national protests against Bill C-51

RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Dozens appear to fight feds' anti-terrorism legislation

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Halifax

More than 100 protesters gathered at Victoria Park and marched down Spring Garden Road on Saturday to protest the federal government's contro-

versial proposed anti-terrorism legislation, Bill C-51.

Krista Simon, a local organizer and member of Protest Canada, says Bill C-51 threatens the rights and freedoms of Canadians.

"Part of what the legislation would allow is for the dredging of all and every individual's personal information," she said. "Emails, telephone calls and social-media posts would be monitored and the government could choose to cut you off."

Simon said she doesn't believe Canada is under any immediate threat by terrorists

Bill C-51 opens the door to abuse of our charter rights, including the rights to free speech and the rights to free expression online.

Judy Haiven, associate professor of management at Saint Mary's University

and that police are already dealing with any potential

threats via the current system. "Incidents that have occurred in Canada, including anything that happened at the mall, was squashed before it happened," she said. "These things are being realized by the police system that is in place."

Judy Haiven, an associate professor of management at

Saint Mary's University, spoke against Bill C-51 at the rally.

"The bill is going to turn CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service) into a secret police force with unlimited oversight and no accountability," she said.

Protesters in 31 cities across the country participated in similar rallies on Saturday, marking the second such action in about a month.

The final vote on C-51 will take place shortly after Parliament resumes on Monday.

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Protesters wearing masks symbolizing the online group Anonymous join the rally against Bill C-51 in Halifax on Saturday. LUCIE EDWARDSON/FOR METRO

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DARTMOUTH

Woman charged in parking lot incident

Halifax police have charged a 35-year-old woman with assault and dangerous driving after she allegedly hit a woman in a Dartmouth parking lot then struck the woman's husband with her car as she fled.

Halifax Regional Police say they arrived at the 300 block of Portland Street at 3:30 p.m. responding to a report of a man hit by a car in a parking lot.

According to a release, the officer on scene spotted a woman trying to leave the scene in her car. The release indicated she refused to stop for police and nearly struck an officer as she sped away, forcing him to jump to the side.

Police say earlier, the woman had an argument with another woman, at one point hitting her in the face.

When the victim's husband

COURT DATE

Woman faces multiple assault charges

The 35-year-old woman is facing charges of assault, assault with a weapon, assaulting police and dangerous driving. She will be attending court at a later date. METRO

tried to keep the suspected attacker from leaving the scene before police arrived, she struck the husband with her car, according to the release. At that point, the officer arrived and confronted the woman on Lakecrest Drive and arrested her without further incident.

Police say none of the people involved were injured.

METRO

Police warn seniors as old scam returns

WARNING

Verify legitimacy of call, police tell seniors

Investigators remind citizens to be suspicious of calls asking for money and to verify the legitimacy of calls before sending money or donations.

METRO

A recurring scam targeting seniors is back. Police say that over the past week they have received 12 reports involving seniors in Halifax who have been contacted by individuals claiming to be their grandchild.

The suspect claims he has an emergency and needs money.

In some cases, police say that the suspect tells the senior that a courier will be sent to their home to pick up the money. A legitimate courier is often used, but police say that these businesses are not involved in the fraudulent activity.

Police warn they have also received reports about how when a senior refuses to send any money, the senior is contacted by someone pretending to be a lawyer who asks for personal information to vouch for the grandchild. Police say that these calls are not legitimate, and in most cases, the suspect does not know the name of the grandchild and seeks this information from the senior as part of the scam.

According to police, this scam has been around for a number of years. METRO



John Sipos and 50 other vendors will open the city's third farmers' market on May 2 at the Halifax Forum. LUCIE EDWARDSON/FOR METRO

New farmers' market to open in North End

HALIFAX FORUM

About a dozen vendors will set up shop, starting May 2

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Halifax

In less than two weeks, vendors and Haligonians alike will have a new farmers' market in the North End.

John Sipos, a Maitland farmer, has been working for

months in preparation for the opening of the new market at the Halifax Forum, and is thrilled vendors will have another place to sell their goods.

"There are a lot of other farmers who don't have the opportunity to actually sell their product," he said.

"They spend the whole year growing their crop and then if you are a small farm there are not many outlets to sell your products except restaurants and markets."

Sipos says close to a dozen vendors will be selling their products, from beer to poultry, handmade jewelry to crafts, on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1

p.m., starting May 2.

Forum general manager Al Driscoll believes the market will be a great addition to the centre.

"Not only is it another revenue stream ... but it also increases the activity level at the Forum and part of our purpose and part of our goal is to have as many things go on here that the residents of the city are happy to have," said Driscoll.

With visitors who will come down to the markets on Saturdays, Driscoll believes nearby businesses will benefit from the bump in foot traffic.

Less than a year ago, the

GROWTH

Ample space for vendors

John Sipos is confident the market will grow, adding there is ample space for new vendors. "Hopefully more and more vendors see that the market is progressing, and then more and more people will come," he said.

Forum's future was unclear as the city had put it up for possible demolition, but it was rescued from that fate by the Save the Forum campaign.

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Bill targets flavoured tobacco

HEALTH

N.S. legislation would come into effect May 31, if passed

It would be illegal to sell flavoured tobacco including menthol under legislation introduced in Nova Scotia, although the provincial government wants Ottawa to regulate e-cigarettes and the flavoured juice they contain.

The ban would also include flavoured rolling papers and tobacco products that are not smoked, such as chewing tobacco and snuff. It does not include port, rum, wine and whiskey-flavoured cigars that weigh five grams or more.

It would come into effect May 31, if passed.

Kelly Cull of the Nova Scotia chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society welcomed the legislation announced on Friday.

"Certainly the inclusion of menthol and the very timely implementation date of May 31 makes this the most progressive legislation in Canada," said Cull.



Flavoured tobacco products are shown in this photo taken last year. METRO FILE

She said to date, no province has banned menthol, although the measure is included in a bill in Ontario currently at the committee stage.

The Nova Scotia government tried last fall to ban flavoured e-cigarettes and e-juice as part of its legislation prohibiting the display and sale of the products to

those under 19, as well as their use in indoor public places. But it backed off after a public outcry.

Health Minister Leo Glavine said the new changes are the

result of a three-month consultation period earlier this year.

Glavine said the province will leave regulation of e-cigarettes to the federal government but

ARGUMENT

Proponents of e-cigarettes argue the products help smokers quit, while anti-tobacco advocates point to scientific studies that have demonstrated flavoured tobacco, including the juice in e-cigarettes, is popular among youth.

would retain the right to make changes in the future through regulations in the new bill.

"We do not intend to use this ability for now," said Glavine. "Instead we strongly urge our federal partners to take swift action to regulate e-cigarettes and e-juice for the health and safety of Nova Scotians and Canadians."

Glavine said retailers have advocated that Ottawa should take the lead in regulating e-cigarettes. He said there are still many "unknowns" about what's in the product and their ultimate effects on health.

"It truly is the Wild West out there now," he said. "So we're hoping Health Canada will step in." THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE ARTS

More talks planned this week on Nova Scotia film tax credit

More talks are planned for this week over proposed changes to Nova Scotia's annual \$24 million film tax credit.

Representatives from the film industry met for four hours Friday with Finance Department officials.

Screen Nova Scotia chairman Marc Almon says there was a "frank and open" exchange of information during the course of the meeting, but he wouldn't say whether actual proposals were discussed.

Finance Minister Diana Whalen says she's encouraged that the sides are still talking, but she also declined to reveal

PROTEST

Thousands of people took to the streets last week in downtown Halifax to protest the proposed changes to the film tax credit.

any details of what was said.

The industry says a move to reduce the tax credit to \$6 million beginning July 1 will drive business away from the province.

"The changes proposed in the recent budget would have a catastrophic effect on our indus-

try," Almon said in a statement on Friday. "Today's meeting was ... an opportunity for us to explain to the Department of Finance many of the complexities involved in our industry."

But the government says it can't afford to maintain what it says is one of the richest incentives for the film sector in the country.

"This was a constructive meeting," Whalen said in a statement. "We have agreed to not get into the details of our talks. There is more work to be done, and we'll continue consultations next week."

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PICTOU LANDING

First Nation chief hopes plan will fix mill effluent problem

The leader of a Nova Scotia First Nation said she is cautiously optimistic after the provincial government tabled legislation Friday to close an effluent treatment facility in Pictou County by January 2020.

"We've been given promises this was going to happen, however this is the first time that

something has actually been put into a bill," said Chief Andrea Paul of the Pictou Landing First Nation. "That part was very important for us and it gives us hope."

The bill is part of an agreement reached last June with the Pictou Landing First Nation to deal with effluent from the

plant. The deal ended a blockade that went up after a leak was found in a pipe carrying wastewater from the nearby Northern Pulp mill to the treatment facility in Boat Harbour.

The Pictou Landing First Nation has long alleged that effluent from the mill was polluting the harbour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ARCTIC

Canada handing off leadership at council

Canada will voice its concerns over what it calls Russia's military aggression in Ukraine during a meeting of the eight nations that make up the Arctic Council this week.

"Canada will use the Arctic Council ministerial meeting as an opportunity once again to deliver our tough message to Russia for their aggression against Ukraine," said federal Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq, Canada's representative to the group and its chairwoman for the last two years.

But while the U.S. is sending its top foreign affairs official, Secretary of State John Kerry, the Russians won't be. Aglukkaq said she'll be making Canada's concerns known to Russia's environment minister, not Foreign Minister Dergei Lavrov.

In an interview before handing over leadership of the council to Kerry, Aglukkaq defended Canada's accomplishments during its two-year term.

Using that term to create a new forum for businesses operating in the North to get together should help create more opportunity, Aglukkaq said.

"I am most proud of the signature initiative around the Arctic

CRITICS

Some critics have said the economic council is a way to shift the Arctic Council's focus away from its traditional role of research and advice to promotion of resource development. They point out most of its representatives are from large mining or energy companies and only a few from northern businesses.

tic Economic Council," she said. "The Arctic is going to develop and it's the private sector that's going to develop the Arctic."

The Arctic Council brings the eight countries at the top of the world together to talk about shared issues and mutual co-operation. Canada has led the group for the last two years and will hand off the chairmanship to the U.S. at a meeting in Iqaluit later this week.

The body can't discuss military matters. But it has gained in importance as the Arctic grabs more global attention and has even negotiated one legally binding treaty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

New B.C. law aims to put an end to service dog fraud

Dogs have long been recognized as man's best friend, but a new law set to take effect in British Columbia later this year is hoping to ferret out the fraudsters in their midst.

The province's newly revised Guide Dog and Service Dog Act is widely thought to be among the first in Canada to tackle the subject of service animal impersonation, an issue experts say has

escalated sharply in recent years.

While there are no available numbers documenting the problem, service dog trainers and owners alike say their circles are increasingly abuzz with anecdotes of people putting official-looking paraphernalia on pet dogs in the hopes that they could then enjoy the same broad access rights as certified service animals.

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Over 74 Conservative MPs counted on Duffy

EXPENSE SCANDAL

Defence says partisan activities part of senator's job

It seems everyone wanted a piece of Sen. Mike Duffy.

At least 74 former and current Conservative members of Parliament leaned on Duffy at one point or another to appear at their events, record messages for supporters or stump for them on the campaign trail, documents released at the suspended senator's trial indicate.

Duffy also did work for Ontario, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Tories, and several unsuccessful federal Conservative

candidates.

The former broadcaster's daily diaries for 2009-2012, now a courtroom exhibit, illustrate the full extent of Duffy's celebrity status when he was still in the party's good graces.

Duffy is facing 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery. Eighteen of those charges deal with travel expenses claimed by Duffy, some of which involved travel to partisan events.

His defence has made the case that such partisan activities are an integral part of a senator's parliamentary functions, as stated in the Senate's administrative rules. Lawyer Donald Bayne has also emphasized how much the party leadership bought in to what he was doing.

"To Duff, a great journalist and a great senator," reads one

photo entered into evidence, inscribed by none other than Prime Minister Stephen Harper, that shows the two of them together at an event.

During one stretch in the summer of 2009, Duffy went to 10 political events in 18 days in two provinces and one territory.

The amount of time Duffy spent travelling and working for his colleagues and the party brass might explain the lengths that the Prime Minister's Office initially went to in order to shield his living expense claims from scrutiny.

At an early stage in the Senate expense scandal, the party paid for the services of his lawyer.

His history of partisan work might also explain the sense of betrayal Duffy felt when he was ejected from the Conserva-

DUFFY'S DUTIES

Some of the duties that Duffy performed for the party included:

- Participating in "tele-town hall" calls, in which MPs speak to large numbers of constituents at once;
- Visits to Conservative riding association meetings and events;
- Shooting videos and messages for the Conservative party;
- Appearing in photographs.

tive caucus in May 2013 and suspended that fall from the upper chamber — a move instigated by his own party.

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Elia Herrera says she has seen people live on much, much less than \$1.75 a day, the amount that conventionally defines the poverty line.

"I come from Mexico and I have known people who live on almost nothing because they have no choice," said Herrera, executive chef at Los Colibris restaurant in downtown Toronto.

She is one of dozens of chefs around the country who are partnering with Live Below the Line, an initiative that is challenging Canadians to experience life on \$1.75/day for a week. It's a campaign to raise awareness of global poverty and raise funds for charities that work to alleviate it.

As willing Canadians take on the challenge — which officially kicks off April 27, but many have started earlier — Herrera and other chefs have come up with menus

that can accommodate that tiny budget.

"It's amazing how much you can actually save when you live on cheap ingredients," said Herrera, who moved to Canada 11 years ago.

The menu she developed includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. For just \$0.52, you can get a "Quesadilla De Hongos" or mushroom quesadilla. Ingredients include tortillas, 1/2 cup of shredded mozzarella, 1/2 cup of sliced button mushrooms, four cloves of garlic and pico de gallo. Or pay \$0.59 and get an "Enfrijoladas," a black-bean puree with some scrambled eggs, tortillas and 1/2 cup of Cotija cheese. Her menu also includes instructions on how to make the food on your own.

"The important thing here is to be able to help people who are less fortunate," said Herrera. "We are very lucky that we can always eat. The minimum we can do is to always give back to the world."

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Video shows ISIL killing Ethiopian Christians

LIBYA

Victims likely migrants hoping to reach Europe

ISIL militants in Libya shot and beheaded groups of captive Ethiopian Christians, a video purportedly from the extremists showed Sunday. The attack widens the circle of nations affected by the group's atrocities while showing its growth beyond a self-declared caliphate in Syria and Iraq.

The release of the 29-minute video comes a day after Afghanistan's president blamed the extremists for a suicide attack in his country that killed at least 35 people — and underscores the chaos gripping Libya after its 2011 civil war and the killing of dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

It also mirrored a film released in February showing militants beheading 21 captured Egyptian Christians on a Libyan beach, which immediately drew Egyptian airstrikes on the group's suspected positions in Libya. Whether Ethiopia would — or could — respond with similar military force remains unclear.

Ethiopia long has drawn the anger of Islamic extremists over its military's attacks on neighbouring Somalia, whose



This still from an undated 29-minute video released by ISIL militants Sunday shows captured Ethiopian Christians in eastern Libya being taken to a beach before being beheaded. The same video shows another group of captives being shot by ISIL militants in the south. A masked ISIL fighter delivers a long statement in the video. MILITANT VIDEO VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

population is almost entirely Muslim. While the militant in the video at one point said "Muslim blood that was shed under the hands of your religion is not cheap," it did not specifically mention the Ethiopian government's actions.

The video, released via militant social media accounts and websites, could not be

independently verified by The Associated Press. However, it corresponded to other videos released by ISIL and bore the symbol of its al-Furqan media arm.

The video starts with what it called a history of Christian-Muslim relations, followed by scenes of militants destroying churches, graves and icons. A masked fighter brandishing a pistol delivers a long statement, saying Christians must convert to Islam or pay a special tax prescribed by the Qur'an.

It shows one group of captives, identified as Ethiopian Christians, purportedly held

by an ISIL affiliate in eastern Libya known as Barqa Province. It also shows another purportedly held by an affiliate in the south calling itself the Fazzan Province. The video then switches between footage of the captives in the south being shot dead and the captives in the east being beheaded on a beach. It was not immediately possible to estimate how many captives were killed or confirm their identities.

In Ethiopia, government spokesman Redwan Hussein said officials were in contact with its embassy in Cairo to verify the video's authenticity.

Hussein said he believed those killed likely were Ethiopian migrants hoping to reach Europe. Libya has become a hub for migrants across Africa hoping to cross the Mediterranean to enter Europe for work and better lives.

"If this is confirmed, it will be a warning to people who wish to risk and travel to Europe through the dangerous route," Hussein said.

Abba Kaletsidk Mulugeta, an official with the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church's Patriarchate Office, said he also believed the victims likely were migrants.

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Our fellow citizens have just been killed on a faith-based violence that is totally unacceptable.

Abba Kaletsidk Mulugeta, an official with the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church's Patriarchate Office

SOUTH AFRICA

Immigrants flee after threats, attacks

Fearful immigrants in South Africa who fled their homes because of threats and deadly attacks by South Africans said Sunday they were targeted in some cases by longtime neighbours and people who warned they would assault anyone carrying a foreign passport.

The immigrants spoke in interviews with The Associated Press at a tent camp after they hurriedly left Alexandra township in Johannesburg, where mobs attacked shops owned by people

from other African countries, including Congo and Somalia. The violence there followed anti-immigrant riots in and around the coastal city of Durban that killed at least six people, recalling a bout of similar unrest in South Africa in 2008 in which about 60 people died.

The attacks stem from a perception that immigrants are taking jobs at the expense of South Africans in a country with high unemployment.

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IN BRIEF

Florida pilot awaits hearing

A mail carrier has returned to his home in Florida, where he'll wait for his next hearing after flying his gyrocopter onto the U.S. Capitol lawn. Doug Hughes was charged with operating an unregistered aircraft and violating national airspace after landing his gyrocopter in Washington on Wednesday. The 61-year-old told The Associated Press that people weren't scared when they saw the aircraft and waved at him.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

Hundreds remember 1995 terrorist attack

About 1,000 people gathered Sunday to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, which was the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil until the Sept. 11 attacks six years later.

Former President Bill Clinton and Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin were among those who spoke at Sunday's service at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, where the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building once stood.

The service started with

a 168-second moment of silence to honour each of the 168 people who died in the April 19, 1995, attack. It concluded about 90 minutes later with survivors and tearful relatives of the dead reading the names of those killed.

"This was a place of unspeakable horror and tragedy," Frank Keating, who was Oklahoma's governor at the time of the attack, told the gathering. He called the attack "unforgivable."

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MIGRATION CRISIS

Europe shocked as boat sinks off Libya

A smuggler's boat, crammed with hundreds of people, overturned off Libya's coast as rescuers approached, causing what could be the Mediterranean's deadliest known migrant tragedy and intensifying pressure on the European Union Sunday to finally meet demands for decisive action.

Italian prosecutors said a Bangladeshi survivor flown to Sicily for treatment told them 950 people were aboard, including hundreds who had been locked in the hold by smugglers. Earlier, authorities said a survivor told them 700 migrants were on board.

It wasn't immediately clear if they were referring to the same survivor, and Premier Matteo Renzi said Italian authorities were "not in a position to confirm or verify" the death toll.

Eighteen ships joined the rescue effort, but only 28 survivors and 24 bodies were pulled from the water by nightfall, Renzi said.

These small numbers make more sense if hundreds of people were locked in the hold, because with so much weight down below, "surely the boat would have sunk," said Gen. Antonino Iraso, of the Italian Border Police, which has deployed boats in the operation.

Prosecutor Giovanni Salvi told The Associated Press by phone from the city of Catania that a survivor from Bangladesh described the situation on the fishing boat to prosecutors who interviewed him in a hospital. The man said about 300 people were in the hold when the fishing boat overturned, and that about 200 women and dozens of children also were on board.

Salvi stressed that there was no confirmation yet of the man's account and that the investigation was ongoing.

Iraso said the sea in the area is too deep for divers, suggesting that the final toll may never be known. The sea off Libya runs as deep as five kilometres or more.

"How can it be that we daily are witnessing a tragedy?" asked Renzi, who strategized with his top ministers ahead of Monday's European Union meeting in Luxembourg, where foreign ministers scrambled to add stopping the smugglers to their agenda.

Resurgent right-wing political parties have made a rallying cry out of a rising tide of illegal migration. So far this year, 35,000 asylum seekers and migrants have reached Europe and more than 900 are known to have died trying.

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NEW DELHI ANGRY FARMERS PROTEST NEW LAND RULES Tens of thousands of farmers rally in India's capital Sunday to protest the government's plan to ease rules for obtaining land for industry and development projects. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said existing rules, established in 2013 to protect land owners from land-grabbing and forced relocation, were creating obstacles that were spooking investors and should be simplified to attract foreign business and boost manufacturing in India. Modi passed an executive order in December, doing away with some of the rules. ALTAQ QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO

Canadian miners weigh risks

The recent armed robbery of \$10.7 million US worth of gold from Canadian-owned McEwen Mining's El Gallo mine has cast a spotlight on the risks of operating in Mexico.

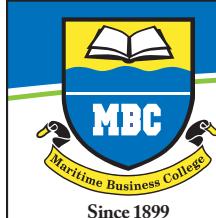
Last month, four employees from Canadian-based Goldcorp were kidnapped while heading

home in a personal vehicle. Three were later found dead. And in February, four workers at Torex Gold Resources, also a Canadian company, were among 13 people kidnapped near the company's Morelos gold project.

Alejandro Sctulmann at the

Mexican risk analysis firm EMPRA says Mexico's large cartels are fracturing, leading to the creation of hundreds of smaller organizations that are fighting each other and extorting mining projects to get cash to meet their objectives.

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Oil dip dims hope of budget goodies

FEDERAL BUDGET

Lobbyists told to put 'water in their wine' with requests

As last autumn's colours were setting in, veteran Ottawa lobbyist Dan Kelly was confident the spring would produce a federal budget surplus with ample room for announcements.

But following a long winter, the head of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business is approaching Tuesday's election-year budget with his hopes somewhat in check.

Only about six months ago, the Harper government's surplus kitty for budget day goodies in the 2015-16 fiscal plan was said to have swelled to \$6.5 billion, Kelly said.

Cabinet ministers, who had waited years for a balanced budget, were salivating at the thought of being able to spend money for once. Now, they're

waiting to see if there are any leftovers for their departments.

By October, everything started to change. First, the Conservatives unveiled their long-promised family tax-and-benefit package expected to carve \$4.6 billion in revenue out of public coffers. Then, the weeks that followed brought the plunge in world oil prices, a crash Ottawa has predicted will indirectly chew billions of dollars from its bottom line.

Today, the surplus cupboard is bare and the Conservatives had to scramble to deliver on a long-held pledge critical to their re-election hopes: a balanced 2015-16 budget.

The finance minister has indicated the budget's \$3-billion contingency reserve — designed as a cushion against unforeseeable events like natural disasters — could be in play.

Kelly, who had 20 or 30 budget-related meetings over the past year with officials, said the government's shift in tone was impossible to miss.

"With the oil-price decline

FLIP SIDE

Cheaper oil turns focus on manufacturing sector

The president of the powerful lobby group, the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, believes the oil-price slide may have helped his cause. Jayson Myers said governments are looking to manufacturing and export industries to help lift the country's economic fortunes, particularly as the energy and commodity sectors struggle and consumer spending shows signs of maxing out.

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you could feel it in meetings," he said of his exchanges with the government. "They've been pretty careful to try to make sure that every group that's out there with a budget request puts some water in their wine."

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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When people think about trans, they think about genitals

Laverne Cox is one sexy woman.

The Orange is the New Black star lounged nude on what looks like luxurious linen for a photo shoot in the May issue of Allure magazine, a statement as much about trans as it is about sex.

Then there's Aydian Dowling, a transgender male model who's the front-runner in a competition to grace the cover of Men's Health magazine in November (also, may I say, quite attractive).

The trans community now has mainstream sex symbols — amen to that. This is a trans moment, a crescendo of news coverage where sex icon is a next step toward mainstream acceptance, twisted as that might be.

I want that acceptance for trans people, even if we have to wade through some dirty media coverage to get there.

Like that of Bruce Jenner. I never watched him in Keeping Up With the Kardashians, but I plan to watch him

being interviewed by Diane Sawyer this weekend about the very loud rumours that he's transitioning. Jenner has confirmed nothing, but media are having a field day, photoshopping makeup onto his face, pestering his children about his gender, using trans jokes as headlines.

Social media has gone giddy this past week calculating just how often Risley has tapped government money trees for millions in direct grants and/or loans, indirect funding for scientific research and here's-your-resources-for-your-profit giveaways.

And Risley calls the film tax credit "nuts?"

What is nuts is the stunning hypocrisy of the likes of AIMS, John Risley and Marco Navarro-Génie.

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blame Jenner. You can't ask a Kardashian (even one by marriage) to avoid making a public spectacle. And Jenner has every right to come out the way he wants.

The blame lies with us, for putting our own fascination with trans people over respect for them.

Milloy described it both as a curiosity with gender roles themselves, which none of us fit perfectly, and also "a misguided sexual fascination. When people think about trans, they instantly think about genitals."

But not all press coverage stoops to those lows. Stories about a teen's suicide in Ohio and how a transgender girl is getting support from her parents in Ottawa give a face to trans issues that can change minds.

"It's easy to hate an abstraction, it's much harder to hate real people," as Matthew Breen, editor in chief of the well-respected LGBT magazine The Advocate, noted.

For Cox, posing nude was a way to empower others. "Trans women certainly are not told we're beautiful," she told Allure. "Seeing a black transgender woman embracing and loving everything about herself might be inspiring to some other folks."

It's a laudable goal. I don't often tell people to go look up nude photos. But this is one of those times.

End of film tax credit exposes vast hypocrisy

HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



"The business of government is not to prop up businesses," harrumphed Marco Navarro-Génie, president and CEO of the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies (AIMS), the Halifax-based right-wing think-tank that rarely encounters a government program (or government for that matter) it does not think should shrivel up and die.

"The real point," he continued, "ought to be whether government should be engaged in doling out public money to money-making industries."

Navarro-Génie was ruminating on the debate over the Liberal government's plan to eviscerate the provincial film tax credit and wipe out

the province's film and television industry.

But let's expand this interesting discussion, shall we?

Marco, meet John, and John ...

First, there's John Risley, the billionaire president and CEO of Clearwater Fine Foods Inc., all-round capitalist curmudgeon and — not coincidentally — chairman of the AIMS board.

Then there's John F. Irving, member in good standing of the Irving clan, a director of J. D. Irving, owners of the Halifax Shipyard, and again — not coincidentally — a past chairman of AIMS.

Given Navarro-Génie's concern about "doling out public money to money-making industries," there must be some interesting conversations around the AIMS board table.

J.D. Irving is the money-making, hand-over-fist 2012 recipient of more than \$300

million in public largesse (\$260 million of it forgivable) to gear up for the federal shipbuilding contract.

One can argue whether the investment was necessary, or wise.

Social media has gone giddy calculating how often billionaire John Risley has tapped the government for millions in grants and loans.

One cannot doubt the "money-making" Irvings asked the then-NDP government to "prop up" its business.

Let us also consider John Risley, who — never one to miss an opportunity — piled on in the film tax credit de-

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Shad stands on guard for q

RADIO

Musician ready to push himself to save CBC's flagship show

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It's Day 1, the beginning of the answer to the question: Can Shad save the show formerly known as Q?

Months of rotating hosts have sustained it, but the CBC's flagship arts program — rebranded as q — is in desperate need of someone with the charisma that Jian Ghomeshi once brought. Someone to draw out the array of characters that rotate through that studio. Someone, in Shad's words, who can connect.

"This show is less about hard 'J' journalism, more about a heart-to-heart kind of conversation," he told Metro during an interview in the days after he was announced as q's new host.

He's had little more than a month to prepare and to shake off the nerves that seemed to take hold of him that day as he stood in the cavernous CBC

headquarters, the iconic CBC emblems and faces of CBC stars all around him. Except, of course, Ghomeshi's.

"One thing he did is he brought his curiosities to the interview on a personal level," Shad said when asked if there was something he could learn from Ghomeshi's style as an interviewer.

"You could tell he was invested in the answer, like you might have the answer for me, for me personally, you know?"

In a T-shirt and hoodie, and a lopsided toque, Shad put on few airs. He had a direct gaze and a natural ease, little interested in being a celebrity, it seemed, and little interest, he said, in the celebrity of others.

"Celebrity has power, but I think the show is about more profound stories.

"I'm not interested in a show about celebrity, and I don't think the team is interested in a show about celebrity," he said.

The CBC might disagree.

Landing big-name guests has been a crucial part of its success on both side of the border.

Shad also said he doesn't think q needs to pander to its large and important American audience.

"I think you can have a Canadian show that still connects



Shad says his success as q's host will be a measure of his own abilities and risk taking. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

with American audiences," he said.

For the CBC, much rides on whether Shad will live up to hype as q's new champion. He himself said he hardly knows

what to be afraid of, walking into the show with little experience as a broadcaster or host. There will be ratings to measure his success and the feedback of q staff.

For Shad, success will be a measure of his own abilities: "Am I pushing myself to ask the questions that Canadians need answers to? Am I pushing my talent and my courage?"

Am I taking risks? Am I scared half the time?"

But it will be Canadians who ultimately judge him, and find Shad q's saviour, or not, starting today.

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Shad on the mandate of q



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APPLE WATCH

A glimpse towards the future of how we consume news

With the Apple Watch expected to sell in the millions, news organizations are refocusing their efforts to become part of that tiny screen.

In the news business, this is now called "glance journalism."

The Apple Watch, expected to catapult to the leading item in wearable technology, opens up new possibilities to a news industry seeking to connect with audiences in the digital era.

The New York Times says its app for the Apple Watch will be "a new form of storytelling" and that "editors on three contin-

ents" will update notifications. Readers will be able to "hand off" an article to view on an iPhone or iPad.

Yahoo will have four apps for the Apple device, including a news digest updated hourly with "microsummaries" of major stories, as well as apps for fantasy sports, weather and one specifically for Hong Kong news.

CNN and National Public Radio also have apps for the Apple Watch, and others are expected to follow. The new technology means more bite-size news being directed at

consumers, say media analysts.

"We are about to enter the era of at-a-glance journalism," says Mario Garcia, a consultant with Garcia Media and faculty member at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, in a blog post.

Garcia, who is also participating in a research project on news for smartphones with Aarhus University of Denmark, said he is "fascinated" with the possibilities.

"It is more difficult to pull an iPhone out of one's pocket or a purse in a crowded New York City subway than it would be to glance at one's watch," he said.

"So, I predict that we will be doing a lot of glancing, as in reading seductive headlines and deciding if we read or not."

The emergence of wearables offers a new platform for the news media — one that is fast, personal and always on, says Robert Hernandez, who teaches mobile journalism at the University of Southern California.

"The ability to access knowledge will be quicker with the watch." For newsrooms, it is "a new opportunity to be part of this person's body," Hernandez said. AFP



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First, do your research. There are several websites that calculate loose — if not entirely reliable — guidelines for the pay scales in different fields. You should also talk numbers with people who work in similar domains. Remember that job interviews are about determining your knowledge and fit. Naming a market-range salary makes you a more feasible candidate — and it also shows your industry savvy.

On the day of your interview, expect to be asked about your expectations. Should discussing money make you antsy, practice beforehand. Determine if there is any outstanding information you need — like whether your

compensation package will include benefits or perks — and ask all relevant questions before citing your rate. Make sure you're comfortable with the bottom end of your scale.

Despite careful prep, many job hunters will be offered salaries that fall well below their expectations. When faced with weak wages, assess the position's non-monetary value. Are there growth opportunities within the company? Will you be learning significant new skills or making valuable connections? A solid salary is just one element to fulfilling work.

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Keep it narrow

While it's smart to propose a range in your salary expectations, don't make it too wide. \$45 to \$50K suggests flexibility; \$30K to \$60K suggests you're flinging digits with no concept of your own worth.

You're in the home stretch of your second interview for a golden-opportunity job. You've aced every answer and made your potential boss laugh. There's one issue, however, that must still be addressed: your salary expectations. For many interviewees, this is a question to dread. But talking pay should not cause pain.

Which is not to say that articulating salary expectations is simple. Aim too high, and you price yourself out of the running. Stoop too low, and

Start saving for those rainy days

FINANCE

Forget credit: An emergency fund means cash in the bank



How long could you go without a paycheque? If you were to get sick, or if someone you loved needed to be cared for, how long would you last on what you've got sitting in the bank? If you were downsized, right-sized or wrongly dismissed, how long till the money runs out? If you tripped and fell, broke your wrist, your leg or your back and couldn't work, how long would you last?

As your first line of defence against the unexpected things life will throw at you, an emergency fund is indispensable. Without an emergency fund, you'd have to turn to credit to fill the holes. And, no, a line of credit is not an acceptable emergency fund. It's debt waiting to happen. A true emergency fund is cash in the bank.

If you're thinking, "Unemployment will tide me over," have you ever looked into what unemployment insurance pays? Talk about having to adjust

your expectations! And, besides, getting a cheque isn't a sure thing. If you haven't worked enough hours to qualify, you're SOL. And if you hate your job — or the boss ends up chasing you around the desk — and you quit, you're SOL. Whatever reason you may have for "voluntarily" leaving your job, it's unlikely that you'll see a penny. And don't think getting yourself fired is the cure ... you likely won't see a penny either, since being turfed for bad behaviour will disqualify you, too. Never mind the fact that no one else will want to hire you. And then there's the EI wait period. Whatcha gonna eat for those many weeks you have to wait for your first cheque?

If you're thinking, "It won't happen to me," wake up! If you honestly believe unexpected bills and misery simply can't come your way, you're delusional. All kinds of things go wrong in life: Lovies get sick, companies go belly up, people die. Hoping for a great life is one thing. Banking on nothing ever going wrong is just plain dumb.

So how much cash in the bank are we talking about? Work towards accumulating six months' worth of essential expenses. When I talk about essential expenses, I'm talking about the most basic costs being covered: rent/mortgage payment, property taxes, utilities, car payment, insurance of all kinds, food, minimum

How much?

6 mos.

An emergency fund can help you weather any financial storm. Work toward accumulating six months' worth of essential expenses: rent/mortgage payment, property taxes, utilities, insurance, food, and so on.

payments on your debt repayment. You can cancel the cable. You can find free fun. And that cellphone? Call and say it's lost and suspend your service!

People often can't wrap their heads around the idea of getting a pile of money together for an emergency. The concept of having enough to cover six months' worth of expenses is just too overwhelming. You've got to break it down into manageable pieces so you don't stop before you even get started.

Take stock of your expenses
List each category of expense you would have to keep covered: rent or mortgage payments, food, medical costs, insurance, child care, car payments, gas. These are your es-

sential expenses: the stuff you must pay to keep the wolves from the door.

Go back over your list and cut out anything you've kept that's not essential to keeping body and soul together. If you've just gone from two incomes to one, you can give up your cable, telephone, entertainment and everything else you wouldn't die without, at least in the short term. Your emergency fund is designed to cover the essentials of life.

Now write in the average monthly amount for each of your essential emergency expenses. Then put six check boxes beside the amount.

Pick the first expense you want to have covered. Let's go with shelter for our example,

and say you need \$1,800 to cover your rent or mortgage payment.

How much can you save every month? Open up a high-interest savings account and have the amount you've decided on deducted from your regular account to this account every month. When you've got your first \$1,800 in your emergency fund savings account, you're going to put a check mark in one of your boxes. There. You've done it. One month's worth of shelter money at the ready, just in case.

A final warning: Some people, having accumulated a healthy

emergency fund, have a problem with the concept of the money just sitting there. Once they've built up a couple of thousand dollars, they start thinking of that money as spendable. The vacation becomes a "sanity emergency." The replacement windows become a "home emergency." They run up their credit cards and that becomes a "debt emergency." They find a way to rationalize spending the money because the idea of having that money sitting there is so foreign to them.

Don't fall into this trap. Remember, your emergency fund is all that stands between you and destitution!



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HEALTH

Painless blood test in the works

A device the size of a ping-pong ball that extracts blood when held against the skin might soon replace needles, according to representatives from Tasso Inc., a company that is working closely with the University of Wisconsin-Madison on the project.

Rather than pulling the blood from veins, which are closed channels, the device pulls it from the open channels in which blood flows through many microscopic vessels called capillaries.

At present, the device is able to pull 0.15 of a cubic centimetre, which makes it practical for testing cholesterol, infection, cancer cells and blood sugar, although diabetes is not an initial market due to the frequency of tests needed.

During the two minutes it takes to collect the blood, a delicate vacuum creates capillary action, beckoning blood to flow into an attached container that's lab-ready.

The patient should feel no pain, reports say.

Called microfluidics, the



This device could soon replace the needle for drawing blood samples.
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Eugenie Bouchard lost both of her singles matches in Canada's loss to Romania in Fed Cup World Group action

Mooseheads force Game 7

QMJHL PLAYOFFS

Ehlers, Vuic each score twice to pull even with Cats



Don't count out the Halifax Mooseheads.

After losing three straight to the Moncton Wildcats in quarter-final QMJHL playoff action, the Herd came back with a huge 7-5 win Sunday at home to tie the series and send it to a seventh and final game.

And it wasn't just the usual Moose superstars contributing to the scoreboard.

Fourth-line Halifax forward Brandon Vuic opened it up by roofing a backhander into the Moncton net less than six minutes into the game, getting his first of two and giving the Mooseheads the momentum they needed for Game 6 in front of 7,610 fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

"We knew it was do-or-die," said 17-year-old Cole Harbour kid Brett Crossley, who assisted Vuic's second goal, as part of a Halifax squad that showed added depth. "That's exactly the result that we wanted, was to come

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out on top and force a Game 7."

Swiss import Timo Meier fired a shot past Wildcats netminder Alex Dubeau off a nice passing play by Nikolaj Ehlers and Taylor Ford at 8:07 in the period. Ehlers and Vincent Watt, who was back on the ice after an upper-body injury, made it 4-0 on a couple of power plays heading into intermission.

Halifax kept it up in the second, with forward Philippe Gadoury, who also returned from an upper-body injury, scoring on another Moose man advantage less the two minutes into the period. Vuic then added his second to give the green and red a 6-0 lead.

"We were rolling pretty good," 19-year-old Hamilton product Vuic said of working with linemates Bent and Crossley. "It definitely feels good seeing everyone just pull together to get the big win."

Bent agreed, "we all played our game," from first to fourth line, and goaltender Eric Brasard's 33 saves. "It's good to help the guys."

Brasard's shutout chances were dashed with two straight



Halifax Mooseheads forward Nikolaj Ehlers, right, celebrates a first-period goal against the Moncton Wildcats during Game 6 of their second-round QMJHL playoff series on Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

goals from Moncton, Bronson Beaton on a rebound and Lane Cormier during a scramble out front, to make it 6-2 after 40 minutes.

Ehlers and Cormier traded goals in the third, with Jacob Sweeney and Conor Garland putting away two more late goals to narrow the gap for Moncton. Dubeau let in five goals on

10 shots, while backup Wildcats goalie Jason Rioux turned away 15 of 17 shots for Moncton.

"All bets are off," Crossley said. "One game."

Game 7 goes Tuesday night at the Moncton Coliseum. The puck drops at 7 p.m., with the winning team advancing to semifinals against the Rimouski Oceanic.

+ MOOSE GAME NOTES

Defenceman Sam Hunter and forward Maxime Fortier are still out with upper-body injuries ... Defenceman Domenico Argento and forward Jordan King were healthy scratches ... Josh

Fitzgerald played on the blue-line and Makail Parker up front ... Nikolaj Ehlers was named first star for his four points, Brandon Vuic second star and Danny Moynihan third star for his three assists.



All (our) guys took their job and did it really well tonight, and because of that we got the result.

Mooseheads centre Brett Crossley

NBL CANADA

Rainmen tie championship series against Express

The Halifax Rainmen took a huge step forward over the weekend, toward their goal of winning their first-ever NBL Canada championship.

The Rainmen topped defending champions the Windsor Express 100-93 on Friday night, tying up the best-of-seven final before bringing it to Halifax for three straight games.

Game 3 tips off at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Scotiabank Centre. METRO

QMJHL

Wildcats' Burke all business in Halifax homecoming



Halifax native Taylor Burke

MONCTON WILDCATS

Taylor Burke may be captaining the competition, but he admittedly has a soft spot for the Herd.

The 20-year-old Moncton Wildcats forward "grew up watching the Mooseheads."

"Being able to come and play in front of my home crowd — family and friends — is always a nice feeling," the Halifax native said Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre, following his squad's Game 6 loss to the Herd.

But when Burke steps on the ice, no matter what QMJHL he's facing, it's all business.

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Between playing for the Remparts and the Wildcats this past regular season, Burke tallied 37 points in 56 games.

"There's kind of no favourites any more," he said with a chuckle.

The six-foot-one, 195-pound player was drafted seventh overall by the Gatineau Olympiques in the 2010 QMJHL Entry Draft. He spent four years there and the first half of this season with the Quebec Remparts, before being traded to the Moncton Wildcats.

That's paid off for Moncton in this year's playoffs. So far Burke has tallied two goals and five assists in 11 post-season games, including the overtime winner to give the Wildcats a 3-2 win over the Mooseheads last Wednesday night — in his hometown.

"It was awesome," he said of the goal at 16:20 in the extra

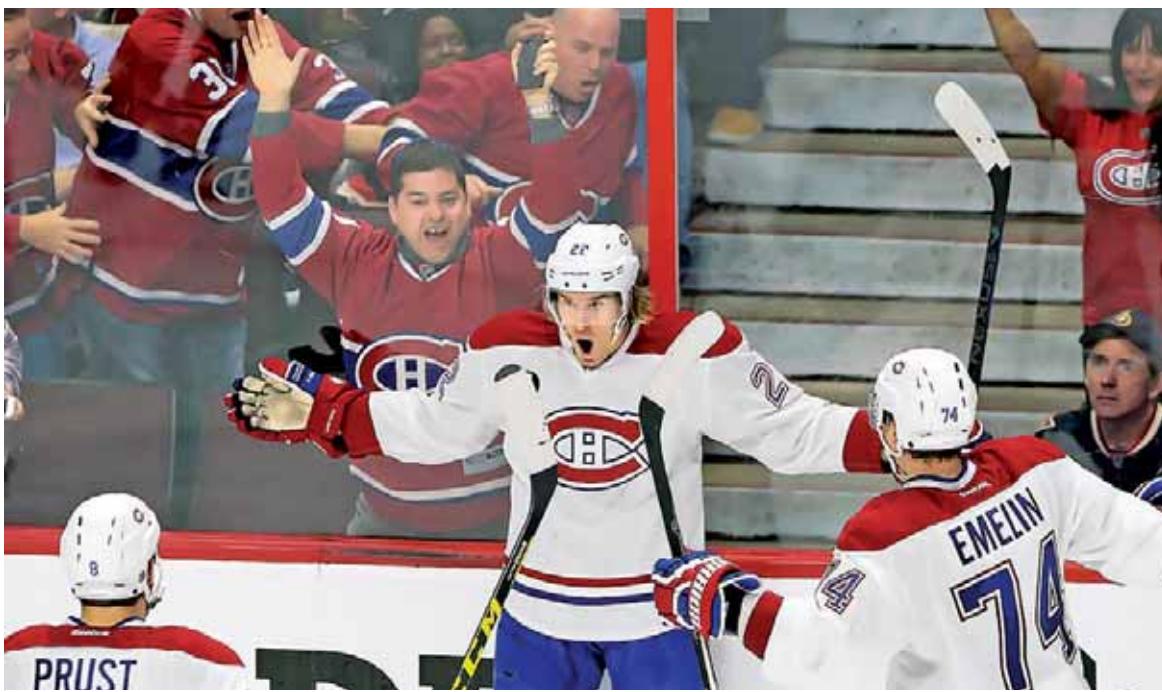
frame. "It was my first goal in Halifax and my first OT one, so it was pretty special."

But Burke, who turns 21 years old on June 22, is determined to help lead the Wildcats to a Game 7 win Tuesday night at their home rink, the Moncton Coliseum.

"We expected a long series, and it's gone the distance," he said, adding the Cats will have to "play our game" to claim the quarterfinal series.

"We have to be more prepared when the puck drops."

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Montreal Canadiens forward Dale Weise (22) celebrates his goal against the Ottawa Senators with teammates Brandon Prust (8) and Alexei Emelin (74) during the third period of game 3 in Ottawa on Sunday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Habs win in overtime

NHL

Ottawa close to the brink as Montreal up 3-0 in series

Dale Weise forced overtime with a late goal and then scored 8:46 into overtime to lift the Montreal Canadiens to a 2-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Sunday night.

Montreal leads the best-of-seven Eastern Conference playoff series 3-0 and can finish it off in Game 4 Wednesday night at the Canadian Tire Centre.

Weise skated in on the left side and beat Craig Anderson with a shot inside the near post. The 20,500 fans screamed for a whistle on what appeared to be a hand pass by Brandon Prust on the play, but the goal stood.

Weise had tied it with 5:47 left in regulation time for Montreal, which outshot the Senators 49-34.

Clarke MacArthur scored in the first for Ottawa, which has struck first in all three games of the series.

The Senators opted to go with veteran Anderson in goal over Andrew Hammond, whose stellar play led their late push for a playoff spot. Anderson was sharp, stopping 47 shots.

Ottawa came out hitting every Canadian that moved, led by their captain Erik Karlsson and tough guy Chris Neil, who made his series debut. They took a 10-4 lead in shots and a 1-0 lead in the game.

The Senators scored when Montreal defenceman P.K. Subban went for a hit on Karlsson and Mark Stone was able to slip the puck in front of the Montreal net, where two

NHL

Islanders win Game 3

Islanders captain John Tavares scored 15 seconds into overtime give New York a 2-1 win in Game 3 of their first-round playoff series over the Washington Capitals on Sunday.

Game 4 is at Long Island on Tuesday.

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Blackhawks pull ahead of Predators

Jonathan Toews had a goal and an assist, and the Chicago Blackhawks used a three-goal second period to beat the Nashville Predators 4-2 on Sunday for a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

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Ottawa players were parked. MacArthur put a deke on Carey Price and slid in second of the series at 11:28 of the first period.

The Canadiens turned it around in the second, outshooting Ottawa 19-6, but couldn't get one past Anderson.

It took until their 36th shot, at 14:13 of the third, for Weise

to tie the game as he slapped one into an open side off a pass from Prust with a crowd of players jostling near the net.

Montreal defenceman Nathan Beaulieu took a shattering, open-ice hit from Karlsson, with contact to the head, in the second frame. He finished the period, but did not return for the third.

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MLB

Jays rookie has rough game

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fourth run.

"We lose that game because I don't make that play, and I take full responsibility for that," said Pompey, who began his availability by apologizing to

Toronto coaches, players and fans. "I kind of stopped for a second and broke back and the ball started to slice back to my reverse side and I couldn't make the adjustment in time.... I should've been playing deeper in that situation but I wasn't."

"I made a bad throw also. It's a learning experience for me, but unfortunately it was one of those where I feel like I cost the team a chance to stay in the game." THE CANADIAN PRESS



The Jays' Dalton Pompey misplays a ball that led to the Braves scoring three runs Sunday in Toronto.

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NBA

Cavs win in Irving's post-season debut

Kyrie Irving scored 30 points in his playoff debut, LeBron James added 20 in his first post-season game with Cleveland in five years and the Cavaliers opened a run toward an NBA title with a 113-100 victory over the Boston Celtics on Sunday.

Irving made five three-pointers and Kevin Love, another post-season rookie, added 19 points and 12 rebounds.

It was Cleveland's first home playoff game since May 11, 2010, when the Celtics won Game 5 and James left the floor to some boos from Cavaliers fans. He departed for Miami two months later, but he's home now, all is forgiven and Cleveland is aiming to end a championship drought dating to 1964.

Isaiah Thomas scored 22 points to lead the seventh-seeded Celtics. They will try to even the best-of-seven series in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

James came in with more playoff experience — 158 games — than Boston's entire roster, an inequality that seemed to favour the Cavaliers. However, the young Celtics weren't overwhelmed on the



The Cavaliers' LeBron James throws down a dunk for two points on Sunday.

JASON MILLER/GAME IMAGES

bigger stage or intimidated by Cleveland's towel-waving fans sporting T-shirts that said, "All In," the team's post-season slogan.

Boston led by eight in the first quarter before the Cavs found their shooting touch and got a huge lift from reserve Tristan Thompson, who grabbed five rebounds — four offensive — in the first half.

Irving's three-pointer at the horn gave the Cavs a 62-54 lead at the half. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Brooklyn loses in Atlanta thriller

Kyle Korver scored 21 points, including five three-pointers, and the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks held off the Brooklyn Nets 99-92 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference playoff series Sunday night.

The Hawks led nearly the entire game and pushed the margin as high as 16 points, but the Nets kept coming back. Finally, Jeff Teague dropped in a floater coming off the left wing, giving Atlanta a 95-89 lead. Joe Johnson missed a three-pointer from the corner for Brooklyn, and Teague made a pair of free throws with

just under a minute remaining to essentially seal it.

Teague and DeMarre Carroll scored 17 points apiece.

Eighth-seeded Brooklyn finished 22 games behind the Hawks and slipped into the playoffs on the final day. But, with Johnson and Brook Lopez each scoring 17 points, they didn't look overmatched by a team that won the season series 4-0 and earned a No. 1 seed for the first time since 1994.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Atlanta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Villa wins in squeaker

Aston Villa came from behind to beat Liverpool 2-1 in the semifinals of the FA Cup on Sunday to clinch a title match next month against Arsenal.

Villa went behind in the 30th minute when Philippe Coutinho gave Liverpool the lead from close range.

But Villa responded. In-form striker Christian Benteke equalized, followed by a swift move from Fabian Delph. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man City wins after own goal

A bizarre own goal from West Ham's James Collins helped Manchester City back to winning ways in the Premier League, but its 2-0 victory on Sunday was overshadowed by a head injury to David Silva.

The 29-year-old Silva was stretchered off and taken to the hospital after suffering suspected cheekbone and collarbone injuries in his clash with Cheikhou Kouyate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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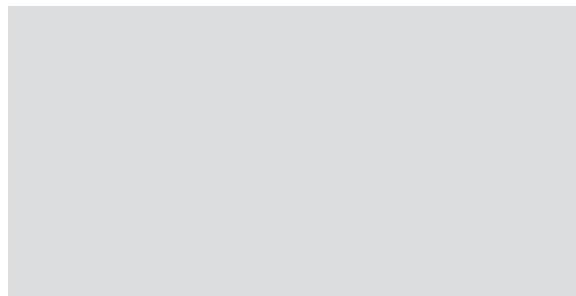
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2. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the macaroni and cook for about 8-10 minutes, until tender but still firm. Drain well and place in large oven proof skillet. Add the cheese sauce and chicken and toss to combine.

3. To make the topping, combine the breadcrumbs, Parmesan and oil in a small bowl. Sprinkle evenly over the macaroni and top with 1/4 cup cheddar cheese.

4. Bake in the center of the preheated oven for 10-15 minutes or until the filling is hot and the top is golden. Garnish with the parsley and serve right out of pan.

**Ingredients**

- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
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- 3/4 cup canned evaporated milk (2%)
- 3/4 cup shredded aged light cheddar cheese
- 3 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 3/4 cups elbow macaroni
- 3/4 cup diced cooked chicken topping
- 3 Tbsp seasoned dry breadcrumbs
- 1 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1/4 cup shredded aged light cheddar cheese
- 3 Tbsp chopped parsley

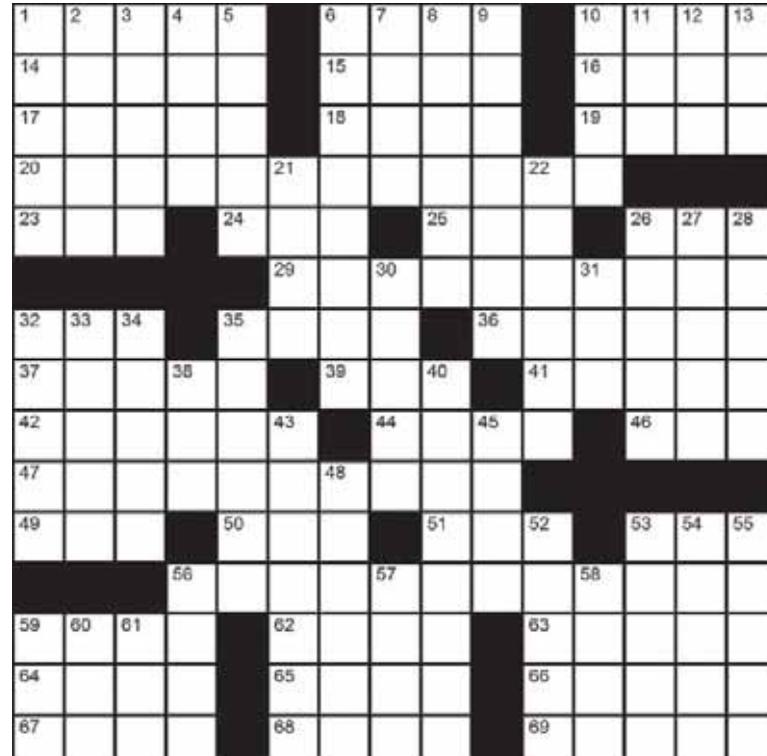
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51. __-Tac-Toe
53. Bread roll variety
56. Theme of the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, AB
59. Be open-wide
62. "Deal __ Deal"
63. Car polishing

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64. Mr. Clapton
65. __ the crack of dawn: 2 wds.
66. www mag
67. "Star __"
68. 'Great' dog breed
69. Leases

DOWN

1. Fray
2. Wrestling Hulk
3. Cold shoulder
4. The Yukon, e.g.
5. Finishes off, Knight-style
6. Newfoundland town; or, Jan & Dean's "The Little Old Lady from __"
7. Madrid 'flower'
8. Fitness routine component
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10. Disapproving noise
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Aries March 21 - April 20
You may not have been serious about a social or political issue in the past but you are certainly serious about it now. You won't rest until you've had your say and made your mark.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It's not often you splash out on gifts for other people but with the Sun moving into your sign today you are in an optimistic, and therefore generous, mood.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The next few days could be special for affairs of the heart. But you also have some thinking to do, so set aside an hour or two where you can be alone with your ideas.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't worry too much about trying to impress other people. With the Sun firmly on your side again you will get all the approval you could wish for over the next few days.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone who is usually the life and soul of the party is a bit depressed at the moment and you must make it your business to find out what is wrong. Calm their fears and cheer them up.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
One way or another you will get what you want over the next 24 hours. But you will get it quicker and easier if you avoid strong-arm tactics and use charm and persuasion.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The Sun leaves the relationship area of your chart today but that is not an excuse to pay less attention to the one you love. Show a little passion over the next 24 hours.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your instincts are telling you that a calculated risk of some kind could pay off in a big way but do you have the courage to go through with it? Only you can make that decision but make it soon or the opportunity will be gone.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be the center of attention for all the right reasons over the next 24 hours. Your wit and your charm will attract others.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't push yourself too hard as the new week begins. The Sun's move into the most dynamic area of your chart will fill you with energy and enthusiasm but you need to plan a bit too.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something will grab your attention today and you will be focused on it to the exclusion of everything else. Remember, though, that other people exist as well.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The time has come to forgive and forget. The Sun moves on today and so must you - there is simply no point hanging on to disputes that belong in the past.

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